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Baggage for Porto Rico is treated like that going to southern ports, *i. e.*, disinfected. Baggage for clean ports of Cuba not connected with us by rail is inspected and, where necessary, disinfected.

Household goods are not allowed shipment to the United States without disinfection; most kinds being incapable of being disinfected are excluded. Such as are shipped are disinfected.

Respectfully,

H. R. CARTER,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Steamship Newlyn arrives at Havana from Buenos Ayres.

HAVANA, CUBA, *May 11, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the British steamship *Newlyn* arrived off this port yesterday evening from Buenos Ayres via Montevideo with cargo of jerked beef in bags from Montevideo; deck cargo, dyewoods from Buenos Ayres. She lay at the wharf at Buenos Ayres. All well on board on arrival and en route. I placed McConnell on board and sent her to Tortugas for preliminary disinfection for the purpose of killing her rats. Expect that she will return on the 13th, when she will go to Mariel, discharge her cargo on lighters, disinfecting every night with sulphur; the crew working cargo to remain at Mariel, those bringing the lighters here having no contact therewith. After being discharged, the crew working lighters will be detained at Mariel fifteen days.

These somewhat rigorous requirements are put on because her cargo is so stored that I doubt if the fumigation at Tortugas will certainly kill the rats aboard, and even if so the dead rats, if infected, lying on the bags might contaminate the workmen handling them. The unloading will be done under medical observation and with proper precautions as to the handling of any dead vermin found and disinfection of the pieces where they are found.

Respectfully,

H. R. CARTER,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Steamship Newlyn disinfected at Tortugas—Sent to Mariel.

HAVANA, CUBA, *May 17, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the British steamship *Newlyn* returned May 14 from Tortugas, having received sulphur disinfection for the purpose of killing vermin. As intimated in my letter reporting her arrival, she was sent on to Mariel without entering this harbor for the discharge of her Havana cargo in lighters under the precautions set forth in that letter. Acting Assistant Surgeon McConnell goes with her, with sufficient guards, in whose charge she is. She will leave direct from Mariel for New York. It would be impossible to perform a complete disinfection without shifting her New York cargo, which is economically impossible.

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